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### Report First Mich. State Convention

The Glory of the Lord Filled the Place. The Power of God Manifested in a Wonderful Way.

M. L. Lowe

The first State Convention of the Church of God ever held in the State of Michigan, convened at the Sebawa church, near Lake Odessa, Mich., May 29, to 31 inclusive.

The saints began to come in from Jackson, Albion, Pontiac, White Cloud and Detroit.

Prayers and praises were heard in the little church, which is a new structure, long before 7:00 p. m. The hour set for the opening service.

After songs and prayers a testimony service was conducted by Bro. Robt. Merrifield, of Sunfield, Mich.

Saints rejoiced and shouted, testified and danced under the mighty power of God. Truly God was with us from the very beginning.

After this Bro. M. L. Lowe, pastor of the Pontiac church, brought the message using for a text a part of Heb. 11; showing how we ought to believe God for what we ask, and to mix works and prayers with faith and expect greater things of God.

This was followed by a good altar service which lasted till past midnight.

Saturday at 11:00 a. m. we again met and after songs and prayers Bro. Chas. Cook, pastor of the Sebawa church gave an address of welcome, which sure was a blessing to us all.

This was followed by responses from Brothers J. G. Bregg, of Jackson, Herbert Maguire, of Hamburg, and M. L. Lowe, of Detroit. Some may wonder why this was not at the first service, but many of the saints could not get there until Saturday. About 1 o'clock dinner was spread on a long table near by in a nice shady lawn where about 175 enjoyed the temporal blessings, prepared by the good sisters. At 3:00 p. m. we gathered at the bank of Grand River seven miles away where about 200 people watched Bro. Chas. Cook and M. L. Lowe as they led 18 saints down into the water, and baptized them; the presence of the Lord was so great that even sinners were melted to tears.

At 7:00 p. m. we gathered at the church again and after songs and prayers we finally managed to get quiet enough to listen to a special song by Bro. Wm. McCurdy and others followed by a sermon by Mrs. M. P. Cross, from Acts 4:32. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul."

We felt it was good to be there.

After this we observed the Lord's supper and feet washing. I never have seen or felt the presence of the Lord in a more sacred way than while we observed the Lord's supper.

The altar that reached across the house and was used to kneel before as the sacrament was administered was filled seven times, 12 each time. Among the number was a Baptist and also Free Methodist preacher.

And of course no use to say, we shouted some when we were washing one another's feet, for Jesus said, "If you know these (Continued on Page 4)

### MIAMI DISTRICT CONVENTION JULY 16-19 INCLUSIVE

The Miami District Convention convenes July 16-19, inclusive, at Miami Church, corner 5th Ave. and 7th street, Northwest. We extend a warm welcome to all who may attend, but on account of limited room it will be well to write ahead so reservations may be made for you. There will only be one service a day, the night service, except Sunday there will be three services. We especially insist that all ministers, deacons, clerks and treasurers be present if possible.

A well arranged program will be the order of the convention. The State Overseer J. A. Self will be in charge. We hope to also have the Editor and Publisher J. S. Llewellyn with us at this time. So come expecting a real feast from the Lord. We expect to have special music. Don't forget to pray that God will make this convention a real success and lasting in effect.

A revival is now in progress at the Miami church with marked interest. This revival is expected to continue till the convention D. V. Please pray for this meeting also.

For reservations write the Clerk, J. T. Kirkland, Lemon City, Fla., or the Pastor, Perry W. Haddock, 457 N. W. 7th St., Miami, Fla.

### EVANGEL WORTH MORE THAN GOLD

SALERNO, Fla.—I want to give a few words of testimony through the Evangel this morning. I have only been taking this paper but a short time, and I do praise the Lord for it. It is a real food to my hungry soul. I am cut off from any church and am in a sinful place. I desire the prayers of the saints to pray for me and my family that we may get closer to the Lord and that a Church of God preacher will come to this place and preach the Word.

Last Saturday when I received my paper, seemed like I was so hungry for the message, I told my husband I had rather have my paper than money for it was worth more than gold to me. I told him that I wished it was large enough to supply me with reading all day Sunday. I would not stop till I read it every bit. I am not a member of the Church of God, but I am praying for the time to come when I can be a full overcomer and be added to the dear old Church of God. I think that is the sweetest name (CHURCH OF GOD).

It seems to me some times that I can't stand to stay where there is no church. I was in a meeting in Waycross, Ga., about a month ago. Brother Stephens did the preaching that day and had baptizing that evening, and at night they observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. There was shouting, dancing and talking in tongues. I couldn't hardly think of leaving that tabernacle. Oh, it was flooded with joy that day. I believe it was the happiest day of my life. I love the Church of God and its teachings and I believe in everything that's in the Bible. I get so hungry for some one to talk Bible to sometimes I can hardly stay here. I want all who read this to pray earnestly for me for I need your prayers. I want to be an overcomer.—Mrs. B. F. Howell.

### THAT POOR OLD OX

Thou Shalt Not Muzzle the Mouth of the Ox

F. J. Lee

One of our dear brethren has written a very good letter to me, stating that he has just about ceased paying tithes because he had about decided that it wasn't a New Testament doctrine. He had come to this decision after that two Church of God ministers had sat in the Bible class as they were studying on Matt. 23:23, and one of the ministers had stated that this language of this 23d verse was not designed as a ruling for this dispensation, but was only designed to reprove the Jews for not complying with both phases of God's law, as it was given in the Old Testament.

The brother states further that the companion preacher just sat there and allowed that thought to prevail.

Our brother states in his letter that because of this, his strongest pillar as a New Testament foundation was gone.

He states further that another Church of God minister said to me emphatically that there is not a foot of ground in the New Testament to establish the present system of tithes.

Now I am sure that this our brother whose name we withhold has been knocked out of many good blessings, and these loyal Church of God preachers (?) have been the primary cause of it.

Our brother states that a great many unpleasant things are said about the Seventh Day Adventists for going back to the law for their foundation for keeping the seventh day, but he finds that the ministry of the Church of God do exactly as the Adventists are doing (?).

He is wondering how much more justified are we than they in going back to the Old Bible to establish the doctrine of tithing.

Now for a few thoughts, considering the foregoing.

First, I would like to call attention to the fact that some people are becoming very shy of the Old Bible, but every true Church of God man takes the whole Bible rightly divided. This is given as a teaching from the Assembly, see 1919, minute and others.

Jesus often referred to the Old Scriptures in His discourses saying, "It is written." Paul while preaching on speaking with tongues said, "In the law it is written." When the young lawyer asked Jesus how to get salvation, Jesus said, "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" Paul in speaking about supporting the ministry said, "It is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn."

Refers to the Ox For Our Sake

Paul then states that this is written for our sakes. For whose sake? For the sake of the people to whom he addressed his letter, The Church of God.

"Paul states further that 'Unto the Jews I became as a Jew.' He was already a Jew, but he meant that he acted as the Jews, stating, 'This I do for the gospel's sake.' He paid tithes, etc.

Paul would not have some to bear the financial burden and other men be eased, but have them on equality. So he has given a plan to bring all men on an equal footing on the finance

proposition of the spreading the gospel, other words a plan to keep from muzzling the ox (preacher), so he may be supported while he preaches the gospel.

I fear that sometimes the non-tithe payer not only muzzles the ox, but sometimes strangles him. Doubtless at many places you may find those who started out, hoping to have proven themselves a good old, steady ox (minister), but because of strangulation they have fallen out. My Lord! who is to blame? Paul in the New Testament said "It is written" in the law of Moses Thou shalt not muzzle the ox.

I am determined that the Lord shall not have this charge against me.

Paul has given us the plan for equalizing the burden, for he was very anxious that some not be burdened and others eased. This plan he did not originate himself because he was a constant student of the Old Testament, he knew that there could be no better plan of equal distribution of the burden of the finance than that which was being practiced by the Jews, he knew that every Jew knew the God given plan of equalizing the financial burden, so Paul calls the attention of the Church of God at Corinth, "Now therefore perform the doing of it \* \* \* a performance out of that which ye have."

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath."

Paul says, Take it out of that which you have, and this to be done on the first day of the week, but if the man hasn't any thing to take out of on each first day, his willing mind is accepted, but if you have money to take out of and do not take it out He will not accept your willing mind, because your willing mind is to keep that which belongs to the Lord.

According As Prospered

How do you know this to have reference to tithes? Well he says, "give out of that you have according as God has prospered you, I do not want some to be burdened and others eased, but I want this done on an equal footing for all. How then could this have been arranged to make it equal? If one man at the end of the week had been prospered to the amount of one hundred dollars his portion to pay would have been ten dollars, while his neighbor was due to pay only one dollar, having prospered only to the amount of ten dollars, another man has made one dollar, his prorate is ten cents, another man who is sick didn't have anything to report, therefore his requirement of the Lord is a willing mind. This is equality, but the man who has not a willing mind and puts it into action has pushed the burden off on his brother.

Some will try to get around this by saying, This wasn't the ministers that the churches were taking care of, but the poor saints." Luke says, "The disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea."

Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

We find that during the per-

### Divine Love Vs. Human Sympathy

#### THE COLORED WORK IN ALA. COMING TO FRONT

FLAT CREEK, Ala.—I want to praise God for full and free salvation with a double determination to go through. I praise God for His Word this morning for what joy salvation brings to me. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting here with Brother T. A. Sears in charge. The Lord blessed him in delivering the Word. Many were made to see that holiness is right. Brother Sears did some wonderful preaching. The power fell; the saints shouted, danced, and talked in tongues. Messages were given in tongues to the people to fall down, repent and be saved. Many confessed that they never heard the Word preached so plain before.

There were several converted, one sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost, 7 followed the Lord in water baptism, and 8 into the church, which makes our membership at this place 16 in number. The meeting started on the 9th of May and closed on the 24th. We observed the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. Many confess that they had never seen it this way before, but after Brother Sears had expounded the Word they saw that it was Bible.

I want to say that I firmly believe that Brother Sears is anointed from God to do evangelistic work. Anyone who wants a revival would do well to employ him. The colored work in Alabama is coming to the front. The Church of God is rising and shining at Flat Creek, Ala. Pray for us.—Harry Jenkins, R. F. D. 3, Box 38.

#### REVIVAL SPIRIT ON AT MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

MIDDLETOWN, O.—Sister Helen Morrow, of Akron, Ohio, has just closed an eight days' meeting here. The great revival spirit is on, sinners are being saved, saints are edified and encouraged to press on. Sister Morrow preached the Word plain, just as it is. Praise God for ministers like her.

Sunday afternoon, June 14, she preached to "men only." There were about four hundred men present. All declared her sermon to be 100 percent for the betterment of our country.

During the meeting about six were saved, four sanctified and received the Holy Ghost; making a total of about sixty saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost since November.

We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere that we will keep the holy fire burning till Jesus comes.—Mrs. Anna Hughes.

#### HEALED OF GROWTH ON KNEE

ROCKFORD, Tenn.—In the month of April I had a growth of some kind on my knee which was very painful and kept growing. We sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to anoint and when it was returned we applied it in the name of Jesus, on April 17, 1925. It is now June 22, and the growth has disappeared, no sign of it at all. I am thanking and praising God for a Savior that can heal all of our diseases if we believe and not doubt.—R. N. Pratt.

#### The Only Thing That Will Prove That We Have This Divine Love Is Our Deeds

H. N. Scoggins  
Overseer of W. Va.

It seems to me that quite a few people get divine love and human sympathy mixed and can not tell the difference, but I am sure there is a wide contrast when they are properly defined. There is also a difference between divine love and the natural affection that everyone is possessed with. Divine love is an element that comes from God, and we cannot have this unless we have God in our lives. But if we possess this divine love it will cause us to obey the Lord, and doing His will, or keeping His commandments will be foremost in our lives, and although we could be more popular in the eyes of the world if we would leave off some things that the Lord teaches us to do, that divine love will compel us to suffer the reproach of the world rather than disobey God.

Now, I am sure that some have more love than others, but if we consult the Bible we notice the least degree of love that the Lord recognizes will cause us to keep His words, for in St. John 14:23, Jesus says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." And we notice Paul writing to the Thessalonians says, "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you." I Thess. 3:12.

So we should increase in love instead of decreasing, and we should love all men, and not only those who love us. It seems that some do not think they should love anyone but those who love them, but we hear Jesus say, "For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" Matt. 5:46-47. And again we hear John who has much to say about love, saying, "we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that a murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 John 3:14-15.

And again John says, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18.

Now, the only thing that will prove that we have this divine love is our deeds. We may say that we love the Lord, and that we love our brethren, but unless we prove it by our actions it will not stand the test of the Word of God at the judgment. Most everyone has a portion of sympathy, but divine love is what it is going to take to go through with the Lord.

Divine love is what has caused many to give up their homes and kindred ties in order to go (Continued on Page 3)



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We are receiving a number of complaints from our subscribers failing to get their paper. We investigate each and every one and almost invariably we find that the paper is going from here. This being the case the trouble and delay must be in the post office. We wish to say to our readers that if the state of affairs is continued, it is our intention to take the matter up with the post office department at Washington and see if we can't obtain proper and necessary relief. We respectfully advise that all of our subscribers advise us immediately any irregularity along this line.

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We hope that our Sunday school secretaries receive their Sunday school literature in time for distribution the last Sunday of the quarter, as the orders were filled and placed in the post office several days prior to that time.

The new book just off the press, Bible Questions and Bible Answers by Mrs. E. Haynes, is a valuable book, and is brimful of Bible teachings. Every minister and worker should obtain a copy, read it and study it, preserve it for future reference. Say, you can't afford to be without it. It is neatly bound, very attractive cover, price 40 cents per single copy.

The Editor and Publisher had the privilege of attending the opening services of the revival meeting conducted by D. R. Moreland, Evangelist at East Chattanooga. The prospects bid fair for a great revival. Brother Moreland recently closed one of the most successful revivals ever held in the city of Cleveland at the Church of God Auditorium.

T. L. McLain, Overseer of Alabama, put in his appearance in the office on his return from Alabama with 26 subscriptions and renewals to the Church of God Evangel. If every minister would only do this much it would greatly increase the circulation of this valuable paper. "Go thou and do likewise."

Sister Nannie Ruth Hagewood, general solicitor for the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home, Miss Vivian Haworth, L. C. Chambers and wife recently returned from an extended tour of the south, spending several months in Florida, Bahama Islands, etc. Sister Hagewood is now in Nashville visiting her mother for a few days of much needed rest.

We are informed that A. Gann, pastor of the Church of God in Atlanta, Ga., is to begin a revival meeting about this date near his old home at Dividing Ridge church, Route 3, Soddy, Tenn. We hope that this will be another successful revival and swell the great number that is being held during this camp-meeting and revival season. Surely God is especially pouring out His blessings in these days. Let us look forward to greater things.

We are informed that Mrs. Rushin, of China, is again to visit this country, supposed by some to justify herself for her unwarranted service on the management of the church. We respectfully advise our members and friends that on account of this, and some other irregularity that she is no longer considered in good standing with the church, therefore our people should be very cautious in giving her any aid or comfort as we are informed that she is no longer with us.

We received a letter a few days ago from a party in the Bahama Islands by the name of Stanley Ferguson forbidding us to send the Church of God Evangel to the saints on the Islands, and we find that the saints are the ones that want the paper and will not do without it. We are at a loss to know where he obtained his authority for such a command, and unless we are advised that this is an order of the United Kingdom, we will totally disregard this order, as many true and loyal members of the Church of God there enjoy reading its pages. However, this is not the church that Ferguson belongs to, therefore, is without authority to dictate to the officials or members of the Church of God, hence the Evangel goes on as a welcome visitor to the Isles of the Sea.

From all accounts it appears that some of our opposers are afraid that some of our folks won't turn out to be as bad as some of theirs, if they should, the same true and tried remedy will be applied, however, there is no indication of such a thing at this writing. The government of the church is able to handle its own affairs.

#### MEMPHIS REVIVAL

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise for Jesus. The Lord is still blessing in West Tennessee. Brother J. L. Dillingham did the preaching. Three were saved and three received the Holy Ghost. God is showing people something in Memphis.

We are going to a new field the first Sunday in June. Pray for us that God will have His way. There is a sister here that has pellagra and she is trusting God for the healing of her body. Pray for the work here and for the pastor.—R. F. Horton.

#### VICTORY IN NO. CAROLINA

CLYDE, N. C.—I want to praise the Lord for victory over sin and the Devil. By the help of the Lord we want to start a revival here at Clyde, N. C. the fourth Sunday in July. I desire the prayers of all the saints everywhere that God will have His way with the people, also that He will save souls. Pray for the little band of saints at Sunburst, N. C., as we have a hard battle to fight here in the mountains.

I believe we have some true-blue saints here. We had our State Overseer, Brother C. Gault with us at Sunburst about five weeks ago and the saints enjoyed the services very much while he was with us. We all hope that he can be with us again before long. Everybody that knows the worth of prayer, please pray for me that I will stay humble.—H. G. Sheeks, Pastor.

#### DIVINE LOVE VS. HUMAN SYMPATHY

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with the Lord. Divine love is what has caused the precious martyrs we have read about to bid farewell to the wife and children they loved so well and go to the stake and let the fire be kindled about them while they commend their spirit to the God who made it possible to suffer death for Him.

Now if they had looked on the human side, and let human sympathy control, they would have recanted, and have gone home with their families, but the love of God compelled them to stand true and prove to the world that God is love. Dear souls, it means much to be a real Christian. Are we proving that we have that divine love? We say we are sanctified. I wonder if we are. If we are we love the Lord, and we love our brother, and we love our neighbor, and we love our enemies.

What about folks who claim to be Christians, but their works do not show that they have this love. The Bible says, "by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:20. So this is the way we know whether or not they are Christians.

Now, I do not want to be a critic, but I feel it my duty to warn the people. We have people in the Church of God to-day who do alright as long as they can have their way, but when some one crosses them they think about it. If some do not get the pastor they want they will not pay tithes or help in any way to support the one they have. Another will do alright as long as the pastor does not preach on tithing, or something that digs them up, but if he does they are done until there is a change made.

I have known of pastors in sectarian churches to stay on one charge twenty-five years, but some folks in the Church of God get through with a pastor in six months, and lay down on the job until there is a change made, and still these people claim to be sanctified. Now dear ones, the world is watching us, and Jesus says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

Now beloved, are we going to prove to the world that we are the disciples of the Lord, or are we going to be a stumbling block to the world? There are others who will stand by the church in dealing with disloyal members as long as it is not some of their relatives, but when it is their relatives, no matter how serious the charges are, they want to show them more consideration.

Now, it is good for us to love our relatives, but when it is a question of standing for the right, our relation should look to us just like everyone else, and we should stand by the action of the church. And when we have to deal with members we should use just as much effort to restore one as another. There have been many disloyalty by the Church of God, and no one thought of following them out, but there have been others who were dealt with, but before being dealt with were given every consideration, and others have followed them because they were of high standing in the church, but James says if we have respect to persons, we commit sin and are convicted of the law as transgressors. James 2:9.

God loves one soul as much as another, and we should be controlled in what we do by the divine love of God, and not by human sympathy, for if we are controlled by the latter we are liable to make a great mistake and cause many souls to be lost, and cause God to look upon us with disfavor. So if we let divine love be the controlling element in our lives we will be sure to do the right thing at all times.

Another thing many of us are failing to measure to the Word of God on, is in forgiving one another. Paul in writing to the Ephesians said, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

And God says, "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their in-

quities will I remember no more." Heb. 8:12. We hear some say I can forgive but I cannot forget, but if we do as God would have us do we will forgive, and forget as well, and if we forgive and forget we will love the one forgiven just as much as we did before the trespass was committed. The apostle Peter says, "And above all things have fervent charity (love) among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging." 1 Pet. 4:8-9.

And Paul says, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Cor. 13:13. "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Col. 3:14. And love is the fulfilling of the law, so we should strive to increase in love, and prove to the world that we are the disciples of Christ.

#### NOTICES

Mr. Elijah McCall, of Walhalla, S. C. has recently had his home and all its contents destroyed by fire. Sister McCall is a member of the Church of God and we are advised that they are left in destitute circumstances. They have six girls, not one old enough to work.

The Camp meeting for Lake Park, Ga., is near at hand. We want everybody to feel that they are invited but in coming be sure to come prepared to camp as this will not be run on the style of a revival but camp meeting order. The good people here are doing all they can to take care of the great crowd. There will be a good restaurant on the ground. So bring your camping equipment and enjoy this great feast. For more information, write J. A. Farmer, Lake Park, Ga.

#### ATTENTION PLEASE

We want the saints everywhere that call upon the Lord to pray for God to give victory at the Lake Park, Ga., camp meeting. We want every church to have a special prayer at noon, the second Sunday in July. Please get this burden on your heart and pray for God to bless.—J. A. Farmer, Lake Park, Ga.

#### REVIVAL TO BE HELD NEAR HAYESVILLE, N. C., JULY 26

HAYESVILLE, N. C.—Recently Brother Jernigan, of Copperhill, Tenn., made us a visit and did some wonderful preaching at both, Shooting Creek, and Tusquitee churches. There did not seem to be a spirit of revival but the good exhortations that Brother Jernigan gave were appreciated and have evidently stimulated the saints of God to a greater zeal and fervency for the Lord. We have decided that the place we occupy is a good one but that God wants us to go farther on into the deep of His love. Some that have been negligent in some days (failing to pay tithes) have decided to move up and obey the Lord. We have noticed that folk who love the Lord, love to pay what they owe Him.

We are expecting Brother Tharp from Chattanooga, to begin a meeting somewhere near Hayesville about July 26, and to continue about three or four weeks. We would be glad that the many who chance to read this will send a petition up for the success of the meeting. Please do not just let this pass through your mind, but pray that God will reap a harvest of souls during this meeting.—Glover P. Ledford.

Cleveland District Convention will convene at the Church of God Auditorium July 24, 25 and 26th. All the ministers, deacons and clerks in this District are especially requested to attend, while all are cordially invited.

Sunday the 26th will also be Home Coming Day for the church at Cleveland. All who are members of the church at this place are requested to be present or write a letter to the clerk, F. G. Chambers, 2524 Gaut St. We are expecting a wonderful time. Come! Come! E. L. Simmons, Overseer. S. W. Latimer, Pastor.

#### THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Will convene at Logan, West Virginia, August 5-9, 1925. We are expecting delegates from every church in the State, and visitors from other states, also our General Overseer F. J. Lee, is to be with us. Everybody welcome. Everybody come.—H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer.

#### TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention for Tennessee will convene at Knoxville, Aug. 19-23. We are expecting a large delegation from each district in the State. Free entertainment will be provided as far as possible. All who anticipate coming should write to W. W. Harmon, 218 Miss. Ave., Knoxville, Tenn., that your entertainment be arranged.—E. L. Simmons, State Overseer of Tenn.

The Western State Camp meeting for Missouri, also State Convention will convene at Joplin, Mo., July 15, D. V. with Brother I. H. Marks, of Eldorado, in charge. Everybody invited. Come! Come! Come! We are expecting great things from the Lord.—J. C. Coats, Overseer of Missouri.

Our revival began at Daisy, Tenn., June 24, with H. L. Trim and wife in charge. Pray for us and come and help us.—Curtis Dunn, Pastor.

#### SHOUTING THE VICTORY

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.—I would love to see you all face to face; God bless you every one. This afternoon finds me shouting the victory over sin and the Devil. We are in a revival here at Sevierville, Tenn. Brother George Sprinkle is doing the preaching. Brother Harmon is to be with us this week. The church is in a poor condition, but looks like we are going to have a good meeting. Brother Sprinkle certainly is preaching

the Word. Pray a special prayer for God to give us some folks that will stand true to God and His church. I certainly do praise the Lord for bringing us victoriously through the church litigation. God is certainly with us, glory!—Geo. C. Franklin.

#### TENT MEETING IN LA.

TIOGA, La.—I came here on the 18th of May and set up my tent, and God has proved Himself. Oh, I thank and praise Him for His saving power. Two have been saved, sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. There have been so many healings that I will not attempt to tell all. I have been blessed with good help all the way through. I can see the hand of the Lord in it all. Praise His holy name forever. This is a small place.

I read where Brother Paul Walker is asking for prayer for North Dakota.

Since husband has gone to be with Jesus it is lonely for me; still I can see the hand of the Lord, praise His name!

I have seen much interest here, souls have been saved and ready to be added to the Church of God. I praise God for it all.

Last night we gave out the Evangel, all seemed to be pleased to get them, and sold two dozen of the Gospel Wave song books.

I am so glad that I ever found this highway of holiness. I covet the prayers of all the praying people that I will stay in the center of His precious will and can see souls saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the great Church of God.

I was saved in a Baptist church, from there I had papers with the Trinity Assembly of Springfield, Mo. I received the light on the Government so now I feel like I must tell every one of the light that has come to me. Oh, I do praise this great King; the man that walked the sea of Galilee, the man who wore the seamless robe, bless His dear name.—Mrs. Amelia Shumaker.

## CAMP MEETINGS

Texas State Camp Meeting, Weatherford, Texas. August 6-16.

Alabama State Camp Meeting, Alabama City, S. J. Heath in charge. Aug. 1-10.

Missouri State Camp Meeting, Joplin, Mo., I. H. Marks in charge. July 15.

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## HEURDING

GASTONIA, N. C.—Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh. Matt. 24:44. Miss Elizabeth Heurding, age 15, daughter of our brother and sister, D. P. Heurding, of Bessmer City, N. C., while working in the mill was caught in a compress beamer and pulled around it three times, breaking every bone in her body. She was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer. She was loved by all that knew her. There was a large crowd at the funeral.

Her last words were glory to God, He is with me, then she quietly passed away.—J. M. Snyder, Gastonia, N. C.

## SHANNON

On May 20, 1925, the Grim Reaper plucked from our midst our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Sarah Shannon, of Pikeville, Tenn., aged near 80 years. She was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and in the dear old Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. K. Keith, of Pikeville. He paid a touching tribute to her memory. There was a large crowd of friends and loved ones to pay their last sad rites to her memory. She was laid to rest at New Bethel to await the resurrection morning when the dead in Christ shall rise. One who loves God's children.—Sam Romans.

## VALLANCE

On June 12, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Brother Mart Vallance and claimed for its victim the wife of Brother Vallance, Edna Mae Vallance. She was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and was a minister of the Gospel. The last time she was out on the battlefield for the Lord she was taken sick and had to return home. She had been sick for some time but the last four weeks no tongue can tell what she suffered until God saw fit to call her home to be with Jesus. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God saw best to take her to that home where parting will be no more.

I have known Sister Vallance for the past seven years, and many times I have known her to go out into the work of the Lord when she wasn't hardly able to sit up. No one will ever know until God reveals it at the judgment what this precious sister has been for Jesus, and how many precious souls she has led to God.

We sorrow not as those who have no hope, for our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, four little children, mother, one sister, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Crossum and Brother Stroup and her body was laid to rest to await the soon coming of the Lord.

A precious one from us is gone,  
The voice we loved is stilled;  
A place is vacant in our home,  
That never can be filled.  
A sister in Christ, who loved her.

## ASHBY

On June 15, the death angel visited the home of our sister C. B. Bradford, Rome, Ga., and carried her precious mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ashby home to be with Jesus. She died a victorious death. During her illness she was saved and sanctified. Almost her last words were, "I am so happy, even my flesh is happy." She was such a patient sufferer. It was the privilege of the writer to visit her and have prayer with her. She certainly did enjoy having us to pray for her. It was her request that her funeral be preached at the Church of God and that Brother and Sister Heath conduct it.

She was born Jan. 16, 1868; was married twice. Three children blessed the home, Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Mrs. C. B. Bradford, and Mr. Ted Ashby. She leaves four sisters and four brothers, also an aged mother. She was laid to rest in the Rome cemetery to await the great day. May the Lord comfort the loved ones. Her daughter with whom she lived, Mrs. Bradford was so attentive to her.

Dearest mother thou hast left us,  
And our loss we deeply feel;  
But it's God who has bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.

Till in heaven again we meet thee,  
There will be no parting there;  
We shall find our missing loved one,  
In our Father's mansion fair.

—Mrs. S. J. Heath.

## HUNT

On June 18, God called from our midst our beloved Brother Jessie Edward Hunt; age 24 years. He accepted Christ two years ago, was sanctified later and received the Holy Ghost at the Assembly at Cleveland, Tenn., a year later, and was an active member in the Church of God when he passed away. Had a host of friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was faithful until death. He had T. B. and was patient through all his sickness; trusted God with his body unto the end.

He left the testimony that he was going home to be with Jesus. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, one baby girl, two years old, a father, step-mother, two sisters, one brother, several half-sisters and brothers and a host of friends.

The funeral service was held at the Church of God Mission by the pastor, and the remains were laid to rest in the Spring Hill cemetery to wait the great resurrection morning when we expect to meet him again and ever be with the Lord.—Written by Pastor F. W. Anderson, Lynchburg, Va.

## CROSBY

On May 31, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Louis Burgess, of Epps, La., and claimed for its victim Sister Burgess' mother, Sister Missouri Crosby; age 58 years. Sister Crosby was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and united with the Church of God in April, 1925. She was in service just about 3 hours before she died and testified to the full blessing; shouted the victory. Death was very sudden, caused from a hemorrhage of the lungs. She leaves to mourn her loss, one daughter, one son-in-law, 4 grand-children and one brother.

Funeral service was conducted by the writer and her body laid to rest in Midway cemetery, to await the coming of Jesus.—Mrs. Esther L. Williams.

## SMITH

On May 13, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Margaret Smith and claimed their 14-year-old daughter, Eva. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God saw best to take her to be with Him.

She was loved by all that knew her, but God loved her best. She is gone but not forgotten. We hope to some day meet her over on that bright and shining shore.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a mother, two brothers and one sister. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. W. Lewis. Eva was laid to rest in the family burial ground to await the resurrection.

Written by her cousin, Lottie Leggett, Washington, N. C.

## SMITH

It becomes our very sad duty here at Morgantown, Miss., to chronicle the death of our beloved sister, Viney Smith, whose passing away at her long cherished home here in Morgantown, at 8:30 o'clock, April 30, 1925, left many, many hearts bleeding and a heartstone barren and desolate.

The hand that had fashioned so many beautiful tribute for others in days gone was now silent, gone down in death. Grandmother Smith was born in Marion county, Miss., 77 years ago, and was respected, known and loved by everybody round about over the county. She had traveled some little bit, because of the fact, she had children living at different places around in this section of the country, therefore, she had ample opportunity to make friends of the many dear people she chanced to meet with along the way.

We want the saints of God everywhere to get acquainted with the fact that another faithful warrior of the class of Jesus, has been transplanted over on the other side of life in the realms of light. Brother, sister, as far as she was concerned, she died in the faith, refusing to take medicine in her passing hours. Too she was heard many times praising the Lord; but all the time of her sickness, from the very beginning till death, she was conscious of the fact that her time of departure was near at hand. She called one of her little grand children (a little girl) to her bedside on one special occasion, and told her to bring her, her spectacles. She obeyed, and brought them to grand mother, she took them out of the case, placed them on her eyes, then took them off, placed them carefully back in the case, handed them back to the little girl with this command: "Hun, place them in my suit case over there in the corner, I will never get to wear them any more."

She further said, to the little girl, "Ruby, I will never get to go to the field with you any more, be a good girl, and obey papa and mamma, for it is right." Such were some of the expressions and closing experiences of her life.

She died of "flu" and pneumonia, lasted something like a fortnight or longer. Too, she was patient in all her sickness, and before she got sick she sure did enjoy going to church. She never failed to testify and praise the Lord, for His goodness to her and for His great church—the Church of God.

She was a faithful member of the Church of God here in Morgantown, and has been for over 8 years, ever since she received her baptism. She believed in being loyal and faithful to the Church of God. You could not interest her with anything else.

Oh, I want to say to her children, grand children and many, many friends in Morgantown, where she lived so long, and around her old home place if you expect to see her any more and enjoy her presence prepare to meet her in heaven. During her last days she would request prayer, and shouted many times while the saints were singing.

We can say with a clear conscience our loss is truly heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her loss, 2 sons, 3 daughters, and many grand children and relatives.

We had a treasure once,  
She was our joy and pride,  
We loved her, oh! perhaps too much,  
For soon she slept and died.

Precious mother she has left us,  
Left us, yes, forevermore,  
But we hope to meet our loved one,  
On that bright and happy shore.

Our precious one from us is gone,  
The voice we loved is still,  
Its place is vacant in our home,  
Which only God can fill.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. J. T. Priest, of Brookhaven, Miss. He preached grandfather's funeral three years ago.

We wish to thank the friends for the beautiful floral offerings, and kindness shown her during her illness.

Her body was silently laid to rest in the Morgantown cemetery, by the side of her husband, who three years ago as stated above went to rest to await the resurrection of the just.—J. L. Thornhill.

## Report of District Convention Akron, O.

By the help of our Lord, I will do my best to report the district conference which was held in Akron, May 1, 2, 3, 1925, and the three weeks' revival which followed, praise God forever.

Friday, May 1, at 2 p. m. meeting was opened by song service which lasted for 30 minutes, by this time everybody seemed to be enjoying the presence of the Lord, praise his dear name. At 2:30 Bro. C. L. Arrington, pastor at this point, gave the Introductory or Welcome address.

Bro. Arrington gave a brief little talk and made it plain to all that everybody was welcome and that he wanted everybody to let the Lord have His way.

It is the sincere belief of the writer that the Lord had His way all through the conference, because He sure did bless.

Nearly every meeting the Holy Ghost would give out a message through a saint and another would get the interpretation.

At 2:45 p. m. Brother Heath, of Tiffin, O., spoke on Christian Unity. The Lord sure did bless Brother Heath during his talk; seemed like the power of God was behind most every word he uttered.

At 3:30 p. m. Sister Jude, of Akron, spoke on the subject, "The New Commandment." Those who were unable to hear Sister Jude's talk sure did miss something as she was at her best.

Meeting was closed by Brother Haynes.

At 7:30 p. m. evening meeting was opened by song service, followed by concert prayer.

At 8:15 p. m. Brother E. Martin of Marietta, Ohio, gave a short talk, after which Brother Oglesby, of Marietta, brought the message on the subject of "Obedience." Bro. Oglesby brought out his point well, the Lord blessing as usual.

After Bro. Oglesby's message there was an altar service and prayer for the sick.

Saturday, May 2, at 10:15 a. m. meeting opened by song service followed by prayer, led by Brother Oglesby.

At 10:50 a. m. Brother Crestv. of Akron, gave a very able talk on the subject, "Letting Your Light Shine." After which Bro. Haynes brought out some very good points along the same line.

At 11:30 song "Be a Light for Jesus" was sung.

At 11:35. We had the report of churches which were read and accepted. Akron was first to report. Canton, O. had no report ready. Postoria was reported by Sister Weaver. Toledo had no written report but Bro. Burkhardt reported that the church at that point was in good standing. Bro. Burkhardt suggested that before each district conference that bills be sent to each pastor and deacon at each church in the district.

Meeting closed at 12:15 by Bro. Burkhardt.

At 2:10 p. m. meeting opened by song service followed by prayer led by Brother Oglesby, then prayer was offered up for the sick, a handkerchief was anointed for a sick sister to be sent to her.

2:45 p. m. business, first thing discussed was in regards to the next State Convention, and whether or not we would have a state camp meeting in Ohio.

Brother Burkhardt was the first to speak on the subject, he being in favor of a state camp meeting. Brother Arrington was next to speak, he also being in favor of it. Brother Oglesby was next, he favored it also.

4 p. m. prayer, after which Bro. Haynes announced the next State Conference would be held at Middletown, O.

4:15 meeting closed by Bro. Warden.

Evening meeting—7:40 p. m. Meeting opened by song service. 8:10 prayer for the sick and in regards to requests, following the prayer another song, and a freewill offering.

8:30 p. m. A special song was sung by Brother Phillips of Akron, O., entitled, "The Preacher on the Fence." At 8:30 Bro. Brown brought us a very good message, his text being "Here

Am I Send Me."

9:10 Mixed quartette sung, "I'm Going Higher Some Day."

9:15 Brother Burkhardt of Toledo brought the message after which an altar call was given and two brothers were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. Meeting closed at 11:30.

Sunday, May 3—9:30 a. m. Regular Sunday school services 11 a. m. Songs and prayer. 11:50 Bro. Bosler, of Canton, O. took Brother Babbs place and spoke on the "Importance of Sunday School." 12:10 Bro. Phillips, of Akron, O., was at his best and brought us a very good message, his subject being, "Freedom of the Truth." Bro. Phillips sure had a special anointing of the Lord as his message was brought forth with power.

2:30 p. m. Afternoon meeting was opened by song service and followed by prayer by all.

3:15 Brother Warden, of Canton, O., gave a very able talk on the subject, "A Life Free from Sin."

4:00 p. m. Sister Weaver, of Wallbridge, O., spoke on Church of God Orphanage work. At the end of Sister Weaver's talk on Orphanage work a song was sung by a mixed quartette after which an offering was taken up for Orphanage work which amounted to \$50.00. Meeting closed at 5:30.

7:30 p. m. Evening meeting opened by song service followed by prayer.

8:15 A special song was sung by Bro. Johnson and a friend of his of Akron.

8:20 evening offering for our State Overseer, E. Haynes.

8:40 A speech by Sister Davis. 8:45 Sister Morrow, of Canton, delivered the message which was along the line of sanctification.

Meeting closed at 10:00 by prayer.

Following the conference Sister Morrow held us a three weeks' revival and I am glad to report it was surely a great success. 31 souls were saved; 19 sanctified; 14 baptized with the Holy Ghost; 8 fellowshipped into the church.

May I ask the prayers of all who read this for the church at Akron. May the Lord bless all of you.—B. F. Shoop, Clerk, Akron.

## A NEW FIELD AT BELLS

BELLS, Tenn.—I feel like testifying through the Evangel this morning for what the Lord has done for me. I want every one that reads this to know that I feel more like going all the way with the Lord. I have had a hard road to travel but thank the Lord I can feel His presence dwelling in my soul right now.

I don't feel like it is long till the coming of Jesus the times are being fulfilled at a rapid speed. It makes me think about my soul and wonder if we are exactly ready to meet the Lord when He comes. My wife belongs to the dear old Church of God with Headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn. I was living at Bridgeport, Ala., when Bro. P. W. Hackney brought the light to that place. I accepted it and received the Holy Ghost and joined the Church of God.

I believe this would be a good place for a revival, and anyone feeling led to come and can make it plain to the people, write me at Bells, Tenn., care R. H. Mocklew, Route 1. Pray for me.—G. L. Varnes and wife.

## SAINTS SHOUTING THE VICTORY IN S. C.

DILLON, S. C.—We have just closed a meeting here under a tent and truly had a gospel meeting. 21 were saved, 10 sanctified and 6 received the Holy Ghost. We are building a church house here now and the Lord is blessing the saints and they are shouting the victory, also the church at Bunker Hill and Marion are doing good.

Pray for us that we may keep the victory.—Harry Whittington.

## A NEW CHURCH SET IN ORDER

DAYTONA, Fla.—Dear ones I want to praise the dear Lord for what he has done for us at Daytona, Fla. He saved and sanctified three and five received the Holy Ghost. God certainly did bless in a wonderful way. Several came in from other bodies and took a stand for the Church of God. There were 11 baptized in water and 13 added to the church. A church was set in order and the Lord's supper was administered and feet washing was enjoyed by all. We had our State Overseer, Brother David LaFleur, with us, and we certainly did enjoy the presence of the Lord.—Laura Brantly.

TANGERINE, Fla.—We all want to send a word of praise to the Evangel for what the Lord has been doing for us. The Lord has so wonderfully blessed us.

There are ten of us who live here in this house. Out of the ten, eight are saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, one saved, sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost.

Bro. Jim Culpepper from Lake Park, Ga., has just closed a meeting here which we thoroughly enjoyed. Three boys were saved and sanctified during this meeting. We all love Bro. Culpepper and believe he is living what he preaches.

Four of our children were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, also one saved and sanctified in our own home. The Lord certainly blesses all these boys and girls. Praise His sweet name.

Will all the praying people please pray for us that we will ever live so He can bless us.

Would be glad if there are any Church of God people near here that have no church to attend if they would come and join us in prayer and praise to the Lord in our little church at Zellwood.

We all read the Evangel and would not be without it. May it continue on in its good work is the wish of four of its readers.—Mrs. Zelia Severs, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hammond, Edith Burnside.

## HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE

RAVENNA, Ky.—I want to praise the Lord for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the dear old Church of God. I want to praise God for His mighty healing power. I praise God for Brother Rouse for it was through his prayers and the faith he had in God for me that I was instantly healed of heart trouble, which I have had for a number of years. I would smother so bad I could hardly sleep at night, but I thank God that He completely healed me.

I want all the saints everywhere to pray for me that I may live the life and trust in God for both soul and body till He comes or calls. Praise His name.—Mrs. Sid Horn.

## CELEBRATED CHILDREN'S DAY

KARBERS RIDGE, Ill.—I want to praise the Lord for the dear old Church of God at Honey Comb Rock. We enjoyed Children's day with Brother E. C. Johnson to conduct the service. The service was opened with prayer and a short Scripture lesson Matt. 18:1-8. Then the children recited their recitations and dialogues with Scripture lessons, short talks for the orphans.

On account of the heavy rain yesterday made it inconvenient for some to get here. Our pastor failed to come. There was something like one hundred people here. I praise the Lord for the good order that we had. All seemed to enjoy themselves and gave God the praise for it all. Sister Ella Ledbetter had the children well trained for the program.

Pray for us that we will always stand true till God calls us home.—Tom Tyree.

## A SOLDIER IN PANAMA

I want to praise the dear Lord this morning for the sweet peace that still abides in my soul. I want to praise him for watching over my soul saying, "Peace be still," when the Devil was roaring all around. Dear ones there is no Church of God people in Panama, and I am the only one I know of who believes in this way. You don't know how it grieves my heart to see so many dear ones out in sin going into eternity every day to meet God without any hope of repentance. But thank the dear Lord, dear ones, just a few more days and this old life of sorrow will be over. Brothers and sisters, I want to meet my Lord with victory when I cross the River of Sweet Deliverance.

I thank God for the "Church of God Evangel," it is food to my soul. If it had not been for the dear little paper, I might have been in sin to-day. Dear ones, I once had the blessing, but backslid. I could find no rest, so I joined the United States Army. I am now a soldier in Panama. I could not find any rest until one night all alone I felt so sad and lonely as if I had no friends in the world.

I called on God to save my soul and He did. I earnestly desire the prayers of all the saints to hold me before Jesus. I would like to hear from some of the Church of God people. Will do my best to answer all letters.—Pvt. J. T. Case, Hq. Co. 14th Inf. Fort Davis, Canal Zone, Panama.

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Now brother, sister, did you ever think just for a moment that Jesus was taking His Church one by one, and your opportunity to be perfected is to-day, not to-morrow. To-day is the day of salvation. We should yield our life to Him to-day, to-morrow may be too late. We as a part of the church may be called home before to-morrow, therefore, if we would be perfect we must yield our life up to Him and be as clay in the potter's hands.

The "Word" says, "Except a grain of corn or wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit. So you see dear friends after we have been sanctified and received the Holy Ghost we have to die to the human nature, not the carnal nature, but we must bring our body under subjection; in which Paul called, "dying daily," or in other words let Him take the "chaff" out of our lives, for He wants to thoroughly purge His floor that He may gather His wheat into His garner and burn the chaff up or out of our lives with the fire of the Holy Ghost.

So dear ones let us stay on the altar that God may take all dross and every imperfection out of our lives, crucify us from head to foot, as there are lots of little things that didn't go out when we were sanctified that belonged to the human that the fire of the Holy Ghost will burn out if you will submit to Him and let Him take it out. Praise God. You know dear ones the Lord didn't call me to tell the big things, I can't do that it is only the little things I can tell you, lots of folks can tell you more about the beauties of heaven than I, but I want to tell you how to get there then we can look heaven over can't we? Glory to Jesus, and see all its glories and beauties.

As John the Baptist was hid away in the desert alone with God and knew nothing about the glories of this world, just so you and I must be hid away with Christ in God, dead to this world and its present surroundings, then we can say from the depth of our heart, "We've crossed the separation line and left this world behind." O, for men and women that would die for this gospel of Jesus and for His church, that she may be without spot or wrinkle, for that will be the only kind of Church He will ever take with Him when He comes back to this old world.

Dear ones the shout is good. I couldn't do without it but you know we must put on the Word to keep the shout going.—F. W. Anderson, Pastor, 812 Erskine Ave., Lynchburg, Va.

LaFAYETTE, Ga.—I want to request prayer for my husband and two daughters that they may be saved and that I may receive salvation. The Devil has completely wrecked our home. My husband is in one place, my two daughters in another and myself in another. Pray that we may all get Jesus in our lives and have our home together again.—Tiny Quinton.

**REPORT OF FIRST MICH.  
STATE CONVENTION**

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things happy are ye if ye do them."

Sunday at 10:45 a. m. we gathered again, and after songs and prayers, Sister E. Haynes delivered a wonderful discourse on "The Church of God."

She spoke an hour and twenty minutes, being interrupted at intervals by the shouts of the saints who were so full that they just had to shout to relieve themselves. God surely did anoint her for one man that had been acquainted with the church for several years had never heard it preached like this, so he came into the church, with five others.

An offering was taken for paying off the church debt, which amounted to over \$700.00 cash and pledges.

Then came the crowning service when the new building was dedicated by our State Overseer M. P. Cross.

The glory of the Lord filled the place; many said they had never felt the power of God like it was there.

Some were weeping, others manifesting in various ways, but it was all of the same spirit, the Holy Ghost.

We adjourned for dinner about 2:30 p. m. and found the big table again filled with eats good enough for a king, after about 200 hungry folks had eaten, there was lots of good things left on the table.

Many of the saints had to leave before the night service, but the house was filled again to the overflow while Sister Emma Black talked for about twenty minutes, then Bro. Herbert Maguire brought a soul stirring message from Heb. 13:8. Then came the sad hour when we had to shake hands and say "good-bye."

May God bless the saints at Lake Odesa for their untiring efforts in preparing for this convention, and in entertaining the saints from a distance.

We will never forget them, neither will we forget the first State Assembly. We are expecting greater things next year if Jesus tarries, for we have some preachers that are the real material, and standing four-square for the Church of God.

Look for some of us at the Twentieth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God, at Cleveland, Tenn.

**CALL FOR HELP**

HAGAN, Va.—I want to praise the Lord through the little Evangel for being saved. I am not yet sanctified, but want everybody that reads this to pray that my husband might be saved and that we can raise our little children up in the way that they should go. I praise God because I belong to the Church of God and I do love its government. I am here where there are no Church of God people. I seldom ever get to go to a Church of God meeting; have been about once in two years.

I certainly do pray that God the Father will send us a true blue preacher here to preach for us at this place. I will take care of them while they are here. Anyone feels like God wants them to come and help us out, we would be glad to hear from you. We have a home in which to hold a meeting, and a good time for a revival.—Mrs. Charity Fowler, Route 1.

**Report From  
Berryton, Ga.**

I am glad to report a wonderful day at Berryton, Ga. church on June 14, which was Children's day.

The people began to gather in early and by service time the house could not accommodate them all. Many had to stay on the outside; the crowd was estimated at about 500 people.

Saints came from Trion, LaFayette, Dalton, Rome, Lindale, and Summerville, Ga., also from Bank Head, Ala.

In morning service Brother Mathis, our pastor gave a short welcome address, making the visitors feel welcome.

After which Sister Buckalew gave an interesting talk to the children on, "Be of Good courage," also to the parents how they should bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4, which was enjoyed by all.

After this came an interesting program by the Sunday school children which had been arranged by Sister Ollie Coonse.

Songs and music were furnished by Berryton and Bank Head Sunday schools; this played no small part in the morning program.

At the close of the program was a most touching scene of two little orphan children, a boy and a girl, who came forward, took their places in front of the platform, where they could be seen by all.

This brought tears to our eyes as we thought of the many bright happy children who had their parents with them, but these were alone, their mother having passed on some five years ago. The little orphans were presented with many nice gifts by the Sunday school children, also an offering was taken for them amounting to \$17.23.

The dear saints at Berryton never forget the orphans.

After this, we were dismissed for dinner.

**THAT POOR OLD OX**

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secution the saints scattered into many other cities, but the apostles remained at Jerusalem. The apostles with their families had to be supported as the apostles themselves had to give their time to the word and prayer, can there be any doubt that the brethren spoken of can be any other than the elders or ministers who looked to no other source than the church for the support of themselves and their families?

We find in the 6th chapter of Acts that a murmuring arose against the Hebrews because the Grecian widows had been neglected in the daily ministration of food. The apostles could not turn aside from the ministry of the Word and prayer to regulate this, but only gave instructions as to what should be done.

Noted commentaries have decided that those Grecian widows were not actually widows as we term widow to-day, but only the wives of ministers who were away from home preaching the gospel, these perhaps were of those helped by the churches under Paul's direction, any way the bounty was passed to the elders at Jerusalem, those of the ministry. The main thought I am trying to establish is God's plan for equally distributing the burden of financing the support of the faithful "ox" that treads out the corn.

(To be continued)

**FIRE HANDLED**

PIKEVILLE, Tenn.—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Lone Oak with great victory. There was dancing, talking in tongues, and fire was handled. We had good order and large crowds. One reclaimed. It seemed like a time of seed sowing. The saints from Pikeville came and Brother Keith preached three good sermons. Brother Burk, from Dunlap was here also and preached two good sermons. The meeting was conducted by the pastor, Dick C. Lewis.

A large table about 75 or 100 feet long had been made for this occasion under the nice large trees across the road from the church and a wonderful dinner was spread. The table was full, and food was still left in boxes to be used as needed.

I had the privilege of attending several good all day services at different places last summer, as I was out in the orphanage work, and they were all fine, but never saw such a dinner as was spread at Berryton on this special day.

The people marched around the table in order and everybody revered God while the blessing was being asked.

Then they enjoyed dinner. Plenty of nice ice water and lemonade made it still more pleasant.

After dinner the people gathered back in to the church for more blessings from the Lord.

At the beginning of the afternoon service Bro. Mathis called for healing service; several went up for prayer for their bodies, and some were wonderfully healed.

After this, we heard some good testimonies from God's dear children and it did our soul good to see how God was blessing His children.

Oh! how our hearts melted together with love. Praise God!

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The closing address was given by Bro. Bane, of Bankhead, Ala., and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Revival services will begin Sunday night, July 5, at Berryton church. We are expecting a great outpouring of the Spirit of God and souls will be born into the kingdom of God. Pray for us that we may be wholly given up to the Lord.—Mrs. Ella (Hilsabeck) Kinsey, Summerville, Ga.

**DOES NOT PAY**

TO ROB GOD

WEATHERFORD, Tex. — I want to praise the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the great Church of God of which husband and I are members. I feel like I am the little finger of the body, but praise Him for my place that He has given me to fill. I want to do my bit for the Lord. I want to praise God for our little church here and for our faithful pastor and wife, they are wonderful workers for the Lord; they feed our hungry souls. We had a wonderful service Sunday, seven were baptized in water Sunday evening by our pastor, Brother George Asher. I want to praise God for His mighty healing power.

I robbed God and He allowed Satan to afflict me with a bad spell of dropsy of the heart. We called for our pastor and some of the saints; they came and prayed for me, got some victory, but in a few hours I was as bad as ever. My pastor asked me if I had disobeyed the Lord, I told him that I had. Well, I had to suffer for it. For two weeks I had to sit up all the time. The saints came different times and prayed for me, but not till I got willing to pay back the stolen money did God see fit to heal me. He wonderfully healed me and I got up and cooked supper that evening. So saints, I find that it doesn't pay to rob God. Praise God. I want to be in the marriage supper. I ask every one that reads this to please pray for me that I may stand true to the Church and to God.—Annie Smith.

**IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY**

To apologize.  
To admit error.  
To take advice.  
To begin over.  
To be considerate.  
To be unselfish.  
To be charitable.  
To keep on trying.  
To think and then act.  
To profit by mistakes.  
To forgive and forget.  
To shoulder a deserved blame.  
—BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS.

—Exchange

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Fla.—I feel led to write a few lines about this wonderful love which I feel burning in my soul. As I sit here in my little home, thinking of the goodness of our Saviour, of how He suffered and died that we might have this wonderful love. Glory to God. On the 28th day of this month five years ago this wonderful love filled my soul, at old Enville in a little school house. Sister Lula L. Jones was praying with me when the great Comforter came in. Oh! how happy I was and how I loved everybody and this love still abides to-day, thank God.

A little word composed of only four letters, love. What does these four letters mean? Only four and oh, they mean so much. Love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Thank God. He didn't say this one or that one, but whosoever believeth, and thank God there are some that believe, some that have this pure love; you can see it; you can feel it; they live it; they talk it; they have it at home; they have it abroad.

But I see others that talk like the world, dress like the world and you can't tell them from the world. Have they this love? St. John 15:19. "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

A little word of four letters, love. Does it mean to be ill and cross to one another? Does it mean to love one and hate the other? Does it mean for us to backbite or talk about one another? Does it mean for God's children to be like the world? No, Jesus said,

"Ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." The success of every child of God as a Christian depends on having this wonderful love. It

causes us to love the sinners and have a desire to see them saved. Yes, our love must be manifested in a way that the world can see that we love one another. Beloved if God so loved us we ought to love one another.

O love divine, O love eternal, My ransom soul shall rest in Thee.

Till I have reached my home Supernal.

That waits beside the Crystal Sea.—Mrs. W. R. Shaw.

**HAD NOT WALKED IN  
EIGHT YEARS—HEALED**

SEARLES, Ala.—We have just closed a meeting at Searles, Ala. The Lord crowned with success. The saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues and had a rejoicing time; 5 were saved, 7 sanctified, 4 received the Holy Ghost, and many gave their hand for prayer. Brother and Sister Watson had charge of the meeting. We certainly thank the Lord for His wonderful blessings that He gave us. A woman was healed who had not walked a step in eight years without crutches, and several other miracles were done by the mighty power of God.—Chas. G. Herring, Pastor.

BLOUNTSVILLE, Ala.—Bro. John Marcum and Sister Sarah Jane Franklin, of Birmingham, Ala., have been here and conducted a meeting for six nights. The Lord sure did bless them in giving out the Word, but on the account of it being work season the meeting had to close until Saturday before the second Sunday in July; then we expect to have Brother Marcum and Sister Franklin and other workers with us to hold us a meeting. People who had never heard holiness before seemed to show a great interest. On the last night of the meeting nearly all in the audience came and gave their hand and said pray for me.

I desire the prayers of all of God's people in behalf of this place. Only three at this place have the blessing.—Rosa Wilson.

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**State Conventions**

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**West Virginia State Convention at Logan, Aug. 5-9, General Overseer to be present. H. N. Scoggins, Overseer.**

**Arkansas State Convention at Haynes, Ark., J. M. Viney in charge, Aug. 14-17.**

**Tennessee Convention at Knoxville, E. L. Simmons in charge, Aug. 19-23.**